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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**Address to:  
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Application Number	09/390,289
Filing Date	September 3, 1999
First Named Inventor	J. DUGAN
Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	J. Befumo
Attorney Docket Number	709.36924X00

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission** required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **01-2135 (Case: 709.36924X00)**
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ enclosed
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Applicant: DUGAN, et al.

Serial No: 09/390,289

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Title: MULTI-COMPONENT FIBERS, FIBER-CONTAINING  
MATERIALS MADE THEREFROM AND METHODS OF  
MAKING THE FIBER-CONTAINING MATERIALS

Group: 1771

Examiner: J. Befumo

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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114  
(AMENDMENT)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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May 16, 2003

Sir:

Concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination  
Transmittal in the above-identified application, and as the necessary  
Submission therefor, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the  
claims remaining in the application as follows:

9. (Thrice Amended) Fiber-containing material made from a  
plurality of multi-component fibers, each multi-component fiber including at  
least first and second segments, the first and second segments being made  
respectively of a first polymer material and a second polymer material, the first

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